

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Haines Borough****Project Title:**

# Haines Borough - Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall Renovation

**State Funding Requested: \$ 60,000****House District: 5 - C**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

The Haines ANB Hall needs several improvements to make it handicapped accessible as well as safe for elders to use. The funding will improve the bathrooms, entryways, and the kitchen.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$60,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Alaska is a unique state. A large part of what makes it unique is its diverse cultures and geographic features. The Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood have been institutions in this state for more than 60 years. They have long been the backbone for many rural communities supporting various community activities and events. The ANB/ANS Halls serve as the triage centers for rural communities in Southeast Alaska. Anytime there is an important event in our communities it is held in these buildings. They host funerals, weddings, workshops, fundraisers for families in need, conventions, and many other events throughout the year. These buildings are a crucial part of any community where they exist.

The necessary renovations that need to be made to the Haines ANB Hall are to make improvements to the restrooms and entryways to make them handicapped accessible, improve the windows to conserve energy, add a safety grip on the steps, and to repair the stairs to the basement. All of these projects will improve the safety of the people using the hall.

**Project Timeline:**

Funding will be secured in the summer of 2008 with construction beginning immediately.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Haines Borough

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Contact Name: Robert Venables, Borough Manager

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

## **Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall Camp 5 2008 Work Plan**

### **Current Project Description**

The improvements to the Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall (ANB) in Haines center on making the facility handicap accessible which will be critical for the building to be utilized as the designated medical triage center for the community. Handicap accessible bathrooms need to be created in the main floor so that injured and or handicapped patrons can have access to lavatories during a disaster scenario. The current handicap ramp is inadequate in terms of quality of construction. The ramp needs to be replaced with a covered handicap ramp which can be entered at the entrance of the facility. The roof of the building has been added onto in the past and a slight bowing of the exterior walls has become evident. A structural engineer will need to assess the building to identify a engineered plan for stabilizing the roof as well as identifying any other elements of the building that are not up to code so that they may be corrected.

The request for \$60,000 from the State of Alaska will allow the Tribe to fund the activities within this current project description.

### **Local contribution**

The Chilkoot Indian Association has partnered with ANB as well as the Haines Borough government in order to fund the improvements to this critical community building. The Tribe has allocated a portion of it Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) grant to:

- Replace the failing oil-fired furnace and entire heat distribution system with an energy efficient oil-fired furnace system.
- Replace ten wooden framed windows with energy efficient windows
- Remove the water damaged drywall from the flooding and installing a new vapor and drywall throughout the building
- Repair the existing drain tile around the facility that was allowing water into the basement level
- Added safety grip material to the outside steps to reduce the risk of slipping on the stairs
- Repair the interior stairs down to the basement level

To date the total local contribution from the RHED grant source is \$92,840

The Chilkoot Indian Association also wrote a grant to the Rasmuson Foundation to include several other construction needs to this project including:

- Remove the flood damaged flooring in the basement and replacing it with epoxy floor paint.
- Replace the damaged upstairs vinyl flooring with new commercial grade flooring
- Insulate the pipes for the sprinkler system
- Remodel the downstairs bathrooms with new bathroom fixtures and repairing the existing stalls

To date the total local contribution from the Rasmuson grant source is \$23,853

**Health and Safety**

This particular project is critical to the health and safety of our community. The ANB hall is located across a parking lot to the SEARHC clinic and serves as the emergency medical triage center for our community. The elements of this project strengthen functionality of the building for those purposes. A high quality medical triage center needs to be a structure that is built to withstand the environmental conditions that would cause its use, such as an earthquake or other natural disaster. The funding of an engineer to identify any of those weaknesses will give the community a hit list of additional projects for this building. A high quality medical triage center must also have handicap accessibility. The replacing of the handicap ramp as well as the development of first floor handicap accessible bathrooms gives our ANB hall that feature. Finally any elements of the building that are not up to code need to be addressed so that the building can legally serve the function in which has been assigned to it.

If you or your staff has any questions please call our office at 907-766-2323 or email your requests to [gstuckey@chilkoot-nsn.gov](mailto:gstuckey@chilkoot-nsn.gov)

Sincerely,

Greg Stuckey  
Tribal Administrator



*Grand Camp*  
*Alaska Native Brotherhood*

March 20, 2008

Senator Albert Kookesh  
Representative Bill Thomas  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Kookesh and Representative Thomas,

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The ANB Hall in Haines is in much need of repair, improvements, and upgrades. This building needs to have handicap access, as well as handicap bathrooms so that all may partake and enjoy these events. The kitchen must be upgraded and appliances replaced such as the stove, refrigerator, and cooking utensils so that it can better cater to these events. The lower level of the building is too dim and the paint is old and peeling, it must be repainted and new lights and lighting fixtures need to be added.

As you can see this building is too important to this community and needs your support to help these improvements become a reality.

Sincerely,

*Dewey Skan*  
*President*

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